

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1120
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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Joy Harold, 181st Annual
Peters Hollow Egg Fight Champion.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those gifted competitors who, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, Joy Harold is one such estimable Tennessean who has reached the pinnacle of competition in the egg-fighting arena; and

WHEREAS, she recently defeated all challengers at the 181st Annual Peters Hollow Egg Fight to stake her claim to this most prestigious Championship; and

WHEREAS, in becoming the ultimate egg fighter, Ms. Harold assumed a place of honor in the rich history of a competition that dates back to the presidency of James Monroe; and

WHEREAS, the roots of the Carter County clash are found in a friendly argument from nearly two centuries ago; in 1823, the men of Peters Hollow and those of Rome Hollow quarreled over whose hens laid the eggs with the toughest shells and decided to settle the dispute on the field of battle; and

WHEREAS, since that time, generations of combatants have made the pilgrimage to Stoney Creek each Easter Sunday in an attempt to settle the feud through direct, egg-to-egg battle; and

WHEREAS, on a chilly Sunday afternoon this year, thirty-one adult competitors met in a field behind Norman Peters' home for the 181st episode of this contest; including the youth divisions, 3,302 eggs would be sacrificed in order to determine the answer to the question that was on the mind of every spectator and contestant - whose was the toughest egg to crack?; and

WHEREAS, as one competitor after another watched his or her final, cherished egg prove not to be up to the challenge, Joy Harold advanced confidently through the tournament field, powered by incredible shell strength and superb tactical skill; and

WHEREAS, in the championship match, she defeated the two-time defending champion, Michael Scott, to claim her first adult championship; and

WHEREAS, during her post-match press conference, Joy paid homage to the incredible egg-fighting heritage of her family and shared the credit with her grandfather, Jerry Peters, a seven-time champion; Ms. Harold stated, "This has been a family tradition all my life. My grandfather raises his chickens on a secret diet. He then fights the eggs to find the hardest. I think he boiled forty-three dozen for this year's contest"; and

WHEREAS, her grandfather also aided the family cause by teaming with his son, Jeff Peters, to wage a war of attrition against Mr. Scott during the early rounds of the competition, which helped Ms. Harold later defeat Mr. Scott with an impressive thirteen eggs to spare; and

WHEREAS, she achieved supreme success while at all times evidencing the utmost excellence of character, always adhering to the cardinal rule of not using a duck or buzzard egg in this hallowed tournament; and

WHEREAS, Joy's accomplishments are a great source of pride to her illustrious family, and the talent and dedication that made such accomplishments possible surely bode well for her future success in all endeavors; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it wholly appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Ms. Harold for her competitive eggscellence and for serving as a fine example of the high quality of Tennessee's citizenry; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Joy Harold, 181st Annual Peters Hollow Egg Fight Champion, join with her family and friends in celebrating her supreme accomplishments in this often scrambled competition and so many other endeavors, and wish her much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.